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Easter Sunday

READINGS

Psalm 150; Isaiah 61; I Corinthians 15:15-58; John 20:1-18

DEVOTION

They put him to death, hanging him on an old rugged cross, but God raised Him to life on the third day. He was clearly seen by many witnesses throughout the world. The Resurrected Jesus stood before his fellow disciples and said to them “Peace be with you.”

After the death of Jesus, the disciples were alone and afraid. They had followed Jesus for almost three years and now their savior was dead. Afraid and alone, their question was what will happen to us? They feared for their own lives.

This would be the normal reaction of anyone who has lost his or her leader. Jesus, knowing that their hearts were afraid, went to them and spoke words of assurance. He said to them, “Peace be with you”. They were so amazed that their fears disappeared and they felt a renewed sense of commitment to him and their purpose.

What’s a timely phrase for us today? We have been in this country of Iraq for almost six months today we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior and I can hear his words to us “Peace be with you”. Thank God for today. Let us celebrate the victory over death...

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